



## Help Keep Our Neighborhoods Pedestrian-Friendly this Winter

**W**inter can cause treacherous walking conditions for pedestrians. Did you know that property owners are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks? City ordinance 541.02 states that property owners are required to remove any snow or ice from the property's adjacent sidewalks within the first four hours of daylight following a snow or ice event.



Here are some helpful tips to ensure you are in compliance with the City's Snow Removal Ordinance:

- Shovel your sidewalk on all sides of your property, down to bare pavement.
- Make the path wide enough for someone using wheelchair, walker or stroller (at least 3 feet).
- Clear snow to curb so that collection crews can access your trash barrels and recycling totes and they are not behind snow banks.
- Clear ramps at corners and crosswalks.
- Stock up on ice melter before a storm. Use ice melter with calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>), which is the best choice for the environment and only a small amount is required to melt ice. Potassium chloride (KCl) is okay, too. Avoid rock salt (NaCl or sodium chloride), which kills plants and trees.
- Do not use sand. It doesn't help pedestrians; but it makes hard ice more slippery. It gets into street drains and is expensive to clean up in the spring.
- Remember that, for people on foot, ice can be worse than snow. It can cause dangerous falls. You are as responsible for ice as you are for snow.
- Keep street drains clear of snow (to avoid ponding/ icing at the bottom of ramps).
- Consider helping neighbors who may have difficulty clearing their walk. Remember: pedestrians need safe, clear sidewalks all year long, so be mindful of anything—hedges, trees, parked cars— that obstructs their path of travel.

## Residents Can Help Crews Tackle Winter Storms

**I**t's that time of the year again when snow will become a major factor in our region's weather. Plowing begins in the City when snow is more than one-inch deep and forecasts indicate no melting will occur. The Streets Department is responsible for plowing over 180 lane miles of roadway in the City.



### Snow removal priority list

Emphasis is given to primary streets during plowing, which are major thoroughfares or streets with dangerous hills or curves. These streets are given top priority to ensure services such as police, ambulances, fire trucks and emergency equipment can respond. Secondary streets, which intersect major thoroughfares will be plowed and salted once primary streets have received treatment. Dead-end streets and cul-de-sac's will be plowed and salted last.

### Road salt has its limits

Road salt loses its melting ability below 20 degrees Fahrenheit. When the temperature plunges into the teens or below, the roads in the City are treated with a salt-brine solution. The solution, which is a mixture of 23 percent salt and 67 percent water, places a salt layer on the roadways, preventing snow and ice from easily bonding to the pavement. However, when the temperatures drop for extended periods, neither salt nor salt-brine solution have much effect.

### Residents can help

The community also plays a large role in assisting the City with quick and efficient snow removal. The following are tips on how residents can help:

1. Remove parked cars from the street -especially in cul-de-sacs.
2. Do not push snow into the street.
3. Clear snow from the sidewalks in front of your home or business.
4. Be patient.

# Free Community Tree Pruning Workshop Offered

The City of Lebanon is offering a community tree pruning workshop on March 14 from 9 a.m. - noon. This free workshop will be led by Wendi Van Buren, ODNR Regional Urban Forester.

Participants will begin the workshop with an informational presentation regarding proper tree pruning techniques, followed by a hands-on training experience of pruning downtown street trees.

If you are interested in registering for this free workshop, call Connie Baugher at 513-228-3156 or email [cbaugher@lebanonohio.gov](mailto:cbaugher@lebanonohio.gov).



## WINTER Farmer's Market

Thursdays from 4-6 pm  
Corner of Main & Sycamore

The growing season may be over, but the Lebanon Winter Farmer's Market has a wide variety of offerings throughout the year. Choose from local honey, syrup, artisan breads, cookies and cakes, herbs, eggs, vegetables, soaps, lotions, plants and more.

[www.lebanonohiofarmersmarket.com](http://www.lebanonohiofarmersmarket.com)



LEBANON YOUTH  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## Youth Sports Lebanon Youth Soccer

Register by February 15, 2015 for guaranteed placement. You will be placed into a division according to your age on April 15, 2015.

Register: [www.lebanonsoccer.org](http://www.lebanonsoccer.org)  
Questions: [help@lebanonsoccer.org](mailto:help@lebanonsoccer.org)

### DIVISION:

U5  
Ages 3-5

U8  
Ages 6-8

U10  
Ages 8-10

U12  
Ages 11-12

U15  
Ages 13-15

### FEES:

\$90 first child  
\$75 each additional child  
Family max: \$275

## Save the Date for 2015 Girls' Night Out

Mark your calendars for 2015 Girls' Night Out in downtown Lebanon. With four different dates to choose from, there's no reason to miss out on all of the fun!

Be sure to bring your girlfriends, mom, and daughters for a nice change of pace, and an opportunity to pamper yourself.

Event hours are 4-9 p.m. For more information, visit [www.historicdowntownlebanon.com](http://www.historicdowntownlebanon.com).

### 2015 DATES

March 14  
May 9  
August 8  
November 7



## Local Tax Filing Deadline is April 15

It's that time of year again to begin preparing for annual tax filing. Lebanon residents and businesses must make their local tax filing by April 15, 2015 to avoid any penalties. Filing is also required even if no tax is due.

Tax returns will not be mailed for 2014 filing. Please visit our website at [www.lebanonohio.gov](http://www.lebanonohio.gov) and visit the Finance Department page to download the forms. You have the option of completing the form online, which will auto calculate your information for you, so that you only need to print and sign, or you can print the forms and complete on your own.

For more information, contact the tax department at 228-3123.



## Here to Help

City Staff are available to serve our community with around the clock service.



The Service Department is available, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., to help you with all your needs including: utility billing questions, new utility accounts, park shelter reservations, community information and more.

When City offices are closed, we are still here to help! The Lebanon Communications Center is available to help you with a variety of matters like: utility outage help, road conditions, information regarding weather-related contingencies, neighborhood nuisance concerns, and other non-emergency inquiries/help.

**SERVICE** M-F (8 am - 4:30 pm)  
**933-7200**

**COMM CENTER**  
Anytime After-Hours, 7 Days a Week  
**932-2010**

## Public Notice

The City of Lebanon 2014 Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report is available on the City's website at [www.lebanonohio.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/642](http://www.lebanonohio.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/642). Contact Water/Wastewater Director John Habig at 513-228-3601 for more information.